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Application No. : 10/717,501

Filed : November 21, 2003

For : THERMAL SHIELD AND HERMETIC SEAL FOR PREVENTING DETERIORATION OF PLASTIC INSULATION IN OPEN ACCESS CLOSURES AND METHOD THEREFOR

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Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116
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Examining Group. 2831
Attorney Docket No. P24110

Group Art Unit : 2831

Examiner : Chau Nguyen

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116** in the above-captioned application.

Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
 A Request for Extension of Time.
 No additional fee is required.

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of September 14, 2004, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on December 15, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action together with consideration and allowance of all the claims pending herein, in due course.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.